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COUNCILS OF THE REPUBLIC.

Four New Members Elected at Yesterday's Session.

SPECIAL MEETING LAST NIGHT.

Act Passed Appropriating \$50,000 to Defray General Expenses of Suppressing the Rebellion—Judge Whiting Named to Sit on Court Martial Board.

Chairman W. F. Allen presided over yesterday's adjourned meeting of the Councils. There were present President Dole, Ministers Damon, Smith, and King; Councillors Ena, Tenney, Emmeluth, Nott, Bolte, Morgan, D. B. Smith.

Secretary Rodgers called the roll and announced a quorum present. Minutes of the October 15th meeting, together with those of last Monday's session, were read and approved.

Chairman Allen announced the first business to be that of filling vacancies in the membership of the Councils, and that four new members were to be elected. As he understood it two-thirds of the members could elect.

At the request of Mr. P. C. Jones that gentleman's name was withdrawn by Chairman Allen.

Mr. Bolte withdrew the name of Dr. John S. McGrew.

Councilman D. B. Smith asked if further nominations were in order, and upon receiving an affirmative reply from the chairman, said he desired to name a man who had taken an active part in the rebellion and who was always at the front and deserved some recognition. He referred to T. B. Murray and thought he was entitled to a seat in the Councils.

Mr. Morgan wanted to know if there were sufficient members present to fill the vacancies. He was informed by the chairman that ten members could legally elect.

A communication was read from Captain Paul Smith, of Company A, endorsing the gentlemen named by the other military companies, Sharpshooters, Citizens' Guard and American League.

Mr. Morgan asked information concerning these endorsements, and thought the Councils should be filled, as they had important business to transact.

President Dole announced that there were four vacancies to be filled.

The Attorney-General read a section from the rules in regard to the requirements of a two-thirds vote to elect new members. He thought there should be no question regarding the matter, and moved Rule 27 be suspended and an amendment substituted empowering the members present to fill the vacancies.

The chairman requested Mr. Tenney to act as teller.

Mr. D. B. Smith desired to withdraw the name of T. B. Murray, as the American League had already endorsed several gentlemen as candidates.

Balloting was then proceeded with, and resulted in the election of Messrs. F. A. Hosmer, Dr. C. B. Wood, Geo. P. Castle and Jas. A. Kennedy.

There were seven candidates named for the four vacancies, and the following table shows the result:

F. A. Hosmer.....12
G. P. Castle.....10
C. B. Wood.....9
J. A. Kennedy.....8
G. W. Smith.....6
L. L. McDaniel.....3

The first four were declared elected. Professor P. J. Frein did not receive a vote.

President Dole asked that the newly elected members be sent for and take part in the deliberations of the Councils.

After a few minutes delay, Jas. A. Kennedy, one of the new members, who was on duty about the Executive Building, was escorted to the Council chamber by Major George McLeod. He was in uniform. Messrs. G. P. Castle and Dr. Wood came in later. Judge Henry E. Cooper administered the oath to the newly elected members and the Councils proceeded to business.

Minister Damon introduced an Act to appropriate \$50,000 to defray the general expenses of suppressing the rebellion of 1895. Under suspension of the rules, the Act was read three times and passed.

President Dole introduced an Act to amend Act 46 of the laws of the Provisional Government, relating to the National Guard of Hawaii. Under the amendment, which was read a third time and passed, the Commander-in-Chief is empowered to fill vacancies in the acting militia during times of rebellion. It was also advisable to admit a person of legal ability and one occupying an official judicial position to the body of the court martial who was to try those connected with the rebellion. Judge Whiting had been decided on, and as he was a member of the National Guard, besides embodying the other requirements necessary, he would prove acceptable to the

Government and was especially fitted for the position.

At 3:20 p.m. the Councils adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

EVENING SESSION.

A special meeting of the Councils was held at 7:30 o'clock last night, most of the members being present. Prof. F. A. Hosmer, one of the new members elected at the yesterday afternoon meeting, and who failed to arrive before adjournment, took the oath before Judge H. E. Cooper, and was declared a member of the body.

President Dole stated that the special session had been called owing to an oversight of a minor nature in procedure, which, however, invalidated the work accomplished at the afternoon meeting. The new Constitution required that the eyes and noses be called upon the final passage of Acts, and it was desirable that the Councils should follow the procedure prescribed for the Legislature.

The bill appropriating \$50,000 to defray the general expenses of suppressing the rebellion, was again taken up and passed in accordance with the Constitution.

The same procedure was gone through with in regard to the Act introduced by President Dole, relating to military appointments made during times of rebellion.

The two bills were passed without a dissenting vote.

No further business being before the meeting, the Councils adjourned shortly after 8 o'clock, subject to the call of the chairman.

REBELS WILL HAVE TO ANSWER.

Court-Martial to Try the Prisoners Opens Today.

Full Account of the Proceedings and Findings Will be Published.

Personnel of the Commission.

Elsewhere in this morning's edition will be found an official notice constituting a military commission, before whom all those connected with the late rebellion will be brought for trial.

The commission, or court-martial, will be opened this morning at 10 o'clock in the Council Chamber of the Executive Building, and will be presided over by Judge W. A. Whiting, with the rank of Colonel, First Regiment, N. G. H.

The board will consist of seven members, made up as follows:

Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Fisher.
Captain C. W. Ziegler, Company F.
Captain J. M. Camara, Jr., Company C.
Captain J. W. Pratt, Adjutant.
Captain W. C. Wilder, Jr., Company D.

First Lieutenant J. W. Jones, Company D.

The above are all officers of First Regiment N. G. H.

Captain William A. Kinney, aide-de-camp on General Staff, who will act in the capacity of Judge Advocate.

The session will continue from day to day, or until the charges and specifications to be presented by the Judge Advocate have been disposed of.

It has been decided to employ no star chamber methods and the press will be allowed to publish full proceedings and findings of the Court, but no comments or expressions of opinion upon the merits or demerits of the trials are expected to be made. The diplomatic corps will undoubtedly attend and protect the rights of their respective subjects to a fair, just and equitable trial, but the public generally will have to be contented with following the cases through the medium of the press.

It is presumed the prisoners will be allowed counsel, but according to rules and usages governing such tribunals that point will be decided by the commission.

It is expected the session will be a lengthy one, as there will be a number of prisoners to examine, and it is a matter of considerable speculation as to who will be the first personage brought before the board.